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SUBJECT:THE MARITIME OFFICERS' STRIKE ENDS AFTER 23 DAYS

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1. LATE APRIL 28, THE MARITIME OFFICERS' UNION VOTED
TO CAPITULATE AND TO RETURN TO WORK,
WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED A FIRM COMMITMENT
THAT ANY OF THEIR DEMANDS WOULD BE MET. HISTADRUT
AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES INDICATED SATISFACTION
THAT THEIR TOUGH POSITION HAD PAID OFF AND THAT HOPEFULLY
THE LESSON OF THIS CASE WOULD NOT BE LOST ON OTHER
WORKERS RAISING UNREASONABLE DEMANDS.

2. THE DECISION OF THE MARINE OFFICERS TO RETURN TO
WORK HAD COME AFTER THE GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED THIRTY
EMERGENCY BACK TO WORK ORDERS TO SEVERAL CAPTAINS AND
OFFICERS OF OIL TANKERS, WHICH WERE OBEYED, AND AFTER
THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS SELLING TWO SHIPS,
THAT IT WAS CONSIDERING SELLING OTHERS, AND THAT
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IT WOULD SEND OUT DISMISSAL NOTICES AND/OR FORCED
LEAVE NOTICES TO OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE STRUCK SHIPS.

3. UNDER THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE OFFICERS'
UNION, THE HISTADRUT, AND ZIM COMPANY MANAGEMENT, A
COMMITTEE OF THREE LAWYERS REPRESENTING THE COMPANY,
THE OFFICERS UNION, AND THE SEAMEN'S UNION WILL TRY

TO WORK OUT AGREEMENTS COVERING THE QUESTION OF OFFICERS' AND RATINGS'SALARIES. IF THE THREE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT, THE OFFICERS WILL ACCEPT ARBITRATION BY THE HISTADRUT TRADE UNION DEPARTMENT.

4.COMMENT: DESPITE THE GENERAL RELIEF THAT THE COSTLY SHIPPING STRIKE IS OVER AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THE EMPLOYERS AND THE HISTADRUT WERE ABLE TO FORCE A SHOWDOWN WITH THE STRIKING MARINE OFFICERS, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THIS CASE WILL MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPRESSION ON OTHER LABOR GROUPS,AS NEW STORIES OF STRIKES AND STRIKE THREATS ARISE EVERY DAY.AS OF THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29, THE EL AL GROUND CREWS WERE THREATENIG TO STRIKE,BARRING EL AL PLANES FROM LEAVING.
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